

No. 295

AN ACT

HB 1746

Amending the act of June 24, 1939 (P.L.872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," making it unlawful to jump bail and providing penalties.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The act of June 24, 1939 (P.L.872), known as "The Penal Code," is amended by adding a new section to read:

Section 323.1. Bail Jumping.—(a) Whoever, having been released from custody, with or without bail by court order or by other lawful authority, upon condition that he will subsequently appear personally in connection with a criminal action or proceeding, fails to appear personally on the required date after due notice is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or to undergo imprisonment not exceeding two (2) years, or both.

(b) In any prosecution for violation of this section, it is an affirmative defense that the defendant's failure to appear was unavoidable and due to circumstances beyond his control.

APPROVED—The 29th day of December, A. D. 1970.

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The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 295.



Secretary of the Commonwealth.